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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States exports of domestic merchandise from $1,731.4 million in February to $1,794.4 million in March,[1] a gain of about four percent, reflected sizable increases in exports of finished manufactures and manufactured foodstuffs and small, less noticeable increases in exports of the remaining economic classes of commotities, crude materials, semimanufactures, and crude foodstuffs. The March 1962 total is about six percent lower than the March 1961 total of $1,902.4 million. These totals include data on Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments.[2]

With Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments excluded, the March domestic merchandise export total amounted to $1,732.7 million, about four percent more than the February total of $1,669.2 million, but about seven percent less than the March 1961 total of $1,857.3 million.

Exports of finished manufactures increased from $1,026.9 million in February to $1,069.3 million in March. This change was largely due to small increases in exports of most of the individual items included in this economic class, the more noticeable of which were as follows: Textile, sewing, and shoe machinery, from $12.6 to $20.8 million; automobile parts for assembly and replacement, from $50.5 to $58.3 million; railway transportation equipment, from $6.9 to $13.6 million; metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts, from $14.5 to $18.4 million; construction, excavating, mining, oilfield and related machinery, from $64.1 to $67.8 million; passenger cars, from $19.2 to $22.8 million; and motor trucks and busses, from $18.2 to $21.7 million. However, sizable decreases were reported in exports of aircraft, parts and accessories, from $155.3 to $118.6 million; and military automobiles, trucks and busses, etc., from $16.1 to $4.7 million. Exports of manufactured foodstuffs advanced from $108.2 to $122.3 million as increases in exports of manufactured foodstuffs, exported for relief or charity, from $14.4 to $20.3 million; milled rice, from $12.3 to $15.5 million; canned fruits from $4.6 to $7.7 million and dairy products, from $6.3 to $8.7 million which were partly offset by a decrease in exports of wheat flour, from $17.6 to $13.8 million. Exports of semimanufactures increased slightly from $252.9 to $255.5 million reflecting counterbalancing changes in exports of individual items included in this economic class as follows: industrial chemicals, excluding Special Category type 1, from $21.4 to $26.6 million; nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials, from $6.7 to $2.8 million; and copper semimanufactures, from $21.8 to $18.0 million. Exports of crude materials rose from $167.5 to $171.2 million. Although March exports of crude foodstuffs, valued at $176.0 million, were about the same as the February total of $175.8 million, counterbalancing changes were noted in exports of individual commodities included in this economic class. The more noticeable of these were, wheat, from $81.0 to $86.5 million; fresh or dried vegetables, from $4.9 to $6.9 million and corn, from $54.9 to $46.8 million.

[1] See the March 1962 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally-adjusted figures on total exports, excluding Military Assistance Program—Grant Aid shipments. Seasonally adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

[2] Formerly referred to in this report as M.S.P. (military), Mutual Security Program military shipments.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments for which separate figures are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries, not entered as imports, is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all export documents. For the figures shown in this report the sampling variability can be ignored since the probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than a trivial percentage of the individual totals shown. In addition to the effects of sampling variation, the data in this report are subject to errors from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month, errors in reporting or processing, the estimation of shipments valued under $100 (estimated data for such shipments are included in the over-all export total and in the totals for "Finished manufactures" and "All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1" but excluded from other totals), and the omission of parcel post shipments valued under $50. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of export data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: MARCH 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1962 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1961 include revisions published with the December 1961 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Economic class and commodity[1]		March 1962	February 1962	March 1961	Monthly average 1961
Total	value	[2]1,794.4	[3]1,731.4	[4]1,902.4	[5]1,719.0
Crude materials	value	171.2	167.5	224.6	212.2
Hides and skins, raw, except furs	value	6.3	5.5	9.3	7.2
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible	1,000 lb.	117,752	156,965	154,626	149,670
	value	8.2	10.3	11.1	10.9
Oilseeds	value	29.1	27.8	22.5	30.5
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	28,491	23,716	28,595	41,741
	value	21.6	17.7	21.7	32.6
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 bales	416	416	869	560
	value	55.0	53.5	113.4	73.7
Coal	1,000 s.tons	2,604	2,519	2,066	3,043
	value	25.4	24.6	19.3	28.5
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	215	137	339	269
	value	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.7
All other crude materials	value	24.9	27.8	26.5	28.1
Crude foodstuffs	value	176.0	175.8	177.0	158.1
Corn	1,000 bu.	37,062	43,197	29,980	24,413
	value	46.8	54.9	37.9	30.3
Wheat	1,000 bu.	49,156	46,335	61,177	52,388
	value	86.5	81.0	105.8	92.9
Other grains	value	22.5	22.1	13.5	13.8
Vegetables, fresh or dried	1,000 lb.	99,511	83,901	119,572	108,582
	value	6.9	4.9	6.1	5.7
Fruits, fresh or frozen	1,000 lb.	98,969	98,788	99,924	126,876
	value	7.4	7.9	7.6	9.9
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	1.1	0.6	0.2	0.6
All other crude foodstuffs	value	4.8	4.4	5.8	5.0
Manufactured foodstuffs	value	122.3	108.2	105.6	96.4
Meat and meat products	1,000 lb.	39,482	33,346	35,068	41,833
	value	11.6	10.1	10.8	12.3
Lard	1,000 lb.	33,560	37,979	33,899	34,886
	value	3.3	3.8	4.6	3.9
Dairy products	1,000 lb.	53,720	37,405	27,833	37,629
	value	8.7	6.3	6.9	7.3
Fish, canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb.	3,678	2,934	1,679	2,381
	value	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.1
Milled rice	1,000,000 lb.	236	186	225	147
	value	15.5	12.3	12.5	8.7
Wheat flour	1,000 cwt.	3,647	7,003	3,918	2,511
	value	13.8	17.6	14.8	9.5
Vegetables, canned and prepared	value	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.4
Fruits, dried and evaporated	1,000 lb.	22,180	22,342	20,402	17,191
	value	4.4	3.9	3.8	3.4
Canned fruits	1,000 lb.	56,375	33,461	36,753	37,190
	value	7.7	4.6	5.3	5.1
Fruit juices	1,000 gal.	3,129	3,108	3,490	2,877
	value	3.4	3.9	4.1	3.8
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined	1,000 lb.	46,126	46,233	19,912	44,497
	value	6.7	5.7	3.1	6.7
Sugar and related products	value	1.4	1.1	1.8	1.6
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	20.3	14.4	17.0	13.3
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value	20.6	19.2	16.6	16.2
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	255.5	252.9	300.2	273.9
Leather	value	2.8	2.6	4.8	3.9
Synthetic rubber	1,000 lb.	62,699	54,718	62,681	55,437
	value	15.6	13.0	16.6	14.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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Economic class and commodity[1]		March 1962	February 1962	March 1961	Monthly average 1961
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]—Continued					
Naval Stores, gums and resins	value..	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.4
Vegetable oils and fats, crude	1,000 lb..	34,137	54,904	27,420	44,921
	value..	4.3	6.6	3.8	5.8
Cotton semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	31,097	27,852	32,620	27,916
	value..	4.8	4.1	4.8	4.0
Wool semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	11,352	8,454	14,747	11,901
	value..	2.0	1.3	2.3	1.8
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	17,139	17,133	16,414	15,663
	value..	14.9	14.3	12.0	12.0
Sawmill products	1,000 bd.ft..	69,582	53,576	62,080	64,358
	value..	8.3	6.5	7.6	7.2
Wood pulp	1,000 s.tons..	83	99	109	98
	value..	11.0	13.7	14.8	13.3
Fuel oil, distillate and residual	1,000 bbl..	2,251	2,324	1,767	1,738
	value..	6.6	6.8	5.1	4.8
Sulfur	1,000 l.tons..	139	128	90	132
	value..	3.2	2.9	2.0	2.9
Steel mill products, semifinished	value..	1.1	3.0	1.2	1.7
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes	1,000 lb..	11,846	12,688	14,132	15,219
	value..	1.7	1.6	2.0	1.9
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips	1,000 lb..	112,942	101,350	128,893	110,625
	value..	14.0	13.7	15.4	12.9
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate	1,000 lb..	74,906	62,783	73,925	80,085
	value..	5.5	5.0	5.6	6.3
Other iron and steel semimanufactures	value..	14.4	15.1	28.1	32.9
Aluminum semimanufactures	value..	10.9	9.5	10.6	9.4
Copper semimanufactures	value..	18.0	21.8	38.2	23.0
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products	value..	13.5	16.2	16.4	15.5
Plastics and resin materials	1,000 lb..	78,496	67,311	76,071	69,744
	value..	25.1	21.8	26.0	22.8
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	26.6	21.4	26.4	24.9
Pigments	1,000 lb..	55,085	58,329	63,099	55,870
	value..	5.7	5.6	6.2	5.6
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials[7]	1,000 lb..	103,239	227,229	80,038	62,553
	value..	2.8	6.7	2.2	2.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1[6,7]	value..	38.7	35.8	43.8	40.6
Finished manufactures	value..	1,069.3	1,026.9	1,095.0	978.4
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new	thousands..	86	64	96	81
	value..	2.9	1.9	3.2	2.8
Other rubber manufactures	value..	9.9	8.6	9.6	8.7
Cigarettes	millions..	2,097	1,982	1,921	1,861
	value..	9.3	8.7	8.4	8.1
Other tobacco manufactures	value..	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.9
Cotton cloth	value..	12.0	10.9	12.3	10.5
Other cotton manufactures	value..	8.2	6.9	10.6	8.1
Wool manufactures	value..	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures	value..	14.4	12.3	16.2	13.2
Other textile manufactures	value..	6.1	4.9	7.7	6.3
Wood manufactures, advanced	value..	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.0
Paper and manufactures	value..	24.0	23.5	25.5	23.4
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types)	value..	0.6	1.9	2.9	3.9
Lubricating oil	value..	16.0	13.1	20.8	18.2
Glass and products	value..	8.0	6.4	8.2	7.0
Steel mill manufactures	value..	9.6	10.7	11.5	11.0
Metal manufactures, n.e.c	value..	39.2	33.5	37.4	35.6
Electric household refrigerators and freezers	number..	22,519	19,425	38,302	22,428
	value..	3.2	3.0	5.9	3.5
Radio and television apparatus	value..	26.5	25.0	29.9	28.1
Other electrical machinery and apparatus	value..	69.3	62.4	68.9	61.9
Power generating machinery, n.e.c	value..	27.5	26.8	22.5	20.1
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery	value..	67.8	64.1	70.8	64.6
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	29.7	33.2	27.1	24.8
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts	value..	18.4	14.5	15.0	15.2
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery	value..	20.8	12.6	18.5	15.0
Other industrial machinery and parts	value..	101.2	91.1	98.2	88.8

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Economic class and commodity[1]	March 1962	February 1962	March 1961	Monthly average 1961
Finished manufactures—Continued				
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	25.6	23.4	32.1	25.9
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	14.3	12.0	17.1	12.0
Tractors.....number..	11,213	9,454	11,639	5,536
value..	17.3	15.4	21.1	17.3
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	12.9	13.1	14.1	12.6
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	9,432	7,142	13,560	12,651
value..	21.7	18.2	27.1	24.3
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	11,591	9,677	12,619	8,704
value..	22.8	19.2	25.0	17.9
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	58.3	50.5	53.2	46.1
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	4.7	16.1	4.2	5.5
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	118.6	155.3	113.4	102.8
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	5	8	6	10
value..	0.4	0.4	0.8	2.2
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	13.6	6.9	20.3	13.6
Antibiotics.....value..	5.2	5.2	6.5	5.8
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	16.6	17.3	19.0	17.1
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	1.9	1.8	2.4	2.0
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	2.4	2.3	3.7	3.4
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	12.4	12.1	15.3	16.7
Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	29.2	30.0	21.5	25.2
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	162.2	147.7	162.3	144.5

[1]Based on commodity classifications in Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-E showing the Schedule B numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. [2]Includes $61.7 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($28.7 million to Western Europe). [3]Includes $62.2 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($28.6 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $45.1 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($18.5 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $67.5 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($27.5 million to Western Europe). [6]See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for explanation of Special Category Commodities and list of commodities included. [7]In issues of this report prior to January 1962, information on exports of merchandise reported under Schedule B commodity number 82721 (Vulcanized fiber sheets, rolls, strips, rods, tubes, and other shapes solely made therefrom) was erroneously included in "Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials" instead of "All other semimanufactures." The 1961 figures shown in this report have been revised to correct this error.

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